



GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS



## APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE

### PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

When you sign this application, you are stating under penalty of perjury the information you have provided is true and correct, you are currently an unmarried couple and there is no legal objection to the marriage. A Marriage License allows a couple to marry in Guam. Marriage Licenses issued in Guam is for marriages to be performed ONLY in Guam. Marriage Licenses are valid for 60 days from the date of issuance. You must be married on or after the issuance date, and on or before the expiration date of the license. No license shall be issued until the expiration of five working days after submission of this application. However, such waiting period may be waived through a Waiver Affidavit for a good cause shown and an additional fee of fifty dollars. Licenses not used within this time frame are void and must be returned to the Office of Vital Statistics. Please keep in mind that upon entry of a new Marriage License application pertinent fees are required once again. The appropriate fee may be paid by cash, credit, debit or check payable to the Treasurer of Guam. No refunds are given for the filing of this Marriage License application.

**OPTIONAL:** Spouse 1 and Spouse 2 boxes are used to identify the parties to the marriage as Spouse 1, Spouse 2, or both, as each party wishes and cannot be changed once the Marriage License is issued.

**NEW NAMES AFTER MARRIAGE:** “New Name(s)” – Law applying to middle and last names (items 30B, 30C, 31B, and 31C).

**OPTIONAL:** Pursuant to Bill 153-34 COR), Public Law 34-65, Chapter 3 Title 19 Guam Code Annotated, at the time of application for a Marriage License, one or both parties to the marriage may elect to change the middle or last names, or both, by which that party wishes to be known after solemnization of the marriage by entering that information on the Marriage License application. Parties may elect to retain his or her middle name before marriage as his or her middle name after marriage or may adopt any of the following middle names: (1) The current surname of either spouse, (2) the surname of either spouse given at birth, (3) a combination of the spouse’s current middle name and the current surname of the other spouse, (4) a combination of the spouse’s current middle name and surname, (5) a combination of the spouse’s current middle name and the spouse’s surname given at birth, or (6) a combination of the spouse’s current middle name and the other spouse’s surname given at birth. Parties may elect to retain his or her surname before marriage as his or her surname after marriage or may adopt any of the following surnames: (1) the current surname of the other spouse, (2) the surname of either spouse given at birth, (3) a combination of surnames, or (4) either spouse may elect to hyphenate his or her surname with the surname of the other spouse. **NOTE:** The first name of the parties may not be changed on the Marriage License. In addition, the new middle and/or surname may not be changed or added on the Marriage Certificate at a later date, since upon election by a person to change his or her name pursuant to this Section shall serve as a record of the name change. An amendment to the new name fields may only be issued to correct clerical errors, and the amendment must be signed by one of the parties to the marriage and the Office of Vital Statistics clerk or the Territorial Registrar. (It is your responsibility to review all the printed information on the Marriage License carefully). A certified copy of the Marriage Certificate indicating a person’s new name, or retaining the former name, shall constitute proof that the use of the new name or retention of the former name is lawful {§3108 of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated}

## REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE

PURSUANT TO SECTION 60, VOL 1, ARTICLE II OF THE CIVIL CODE OF GUAM AND PUBLIC LAW 16-73, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF ANY MARRIAGE LICENSE and should be closely followed to ensure accurate data collection and to preclude over-collection of information.

Requirements are the same regardless of gender

1. **BOTH APPLICANTS must be present** at the time of submission of this application with a valid picture identification. (A valid picture identification is one that contains a photograph, date of birth, an issue date and expiration date). Examples of valid picture identifications are state IDs, Driver's License, Passport, Military ID, etc.). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is your responsibility to present the proper identification. IDs must reflect full legal names at present.
2. **BIRTH CERTIFICATES:** Both applicants must present a Certified True Copy of their birth certificate(s) issued by the Office of Vital Statistics or Registrar from their respective state or foreign country. Baptismal or hospital certificates are not acceptable. Birth certificates, Certificate of Family Relations and Civil Registries in foreign languages must be translated by an official translator and notarized. Your Marriage License and Marriage Certificate will be prepared with your legal name exactly how it appears on the Birth Certificate presented unless otherwise stated.
3. **BLOOD TEST:** No blood test is required when filing a Marriage License on Guam.
4. **ADOPTION:** If either applicant was adopted, adoption papers must be presented.
5. **NATURALIZED CITIZENS:** If either applicant is a Naturalized Citizen, a Naturalization Certificate or a Certificate of Citizenship must be presented and accompanied by a U.S. passport.
6. **FOREIGN COUNTRY/ALIEN:** If either applicant is of foreign descent, a Resident Alien or a Non-immigrant Alien, he or she must provide a Notarized Affidavit of Foreign Birth accompanied by a notarized translated birth certificate, Certificate of Family Relations or Civil Registry and their respective country's current passport. If either applicant was born abroad (in a foreign country) to U.S. Citizens (parents), Certification of Birth Abroad (Form FS-545) must be presented.
7. **PREVIOUS MARRIAGE:** in case of termination of a previous marriage by divorce, death or annulment, the applicant must provide a Certified True Copy of the final Divorce Decree, Death Certificate, or annulment document to the Office of Vital Statistics. If the maiden name was restored and is not stipulated on the final Divorce Decree, an Interlocutory Judgment must be provided. Photo or copies are not acceptable (CC Vol. I Section 69(d) and Attorney General Memo, Ref. 81-0292 dated July 7, 1981). Note: All documents will be kept on file with the application and will not be returned.
8. **RETENTION OF MAIDEN NAME:** If a female applicant desires to maintain her maiden name after marriage, she must declare the fact that she elects to keep her maiden name after marriage. Must be declared at the time of Marriage License application.
9. **HYPHENATION:** Intention to hyphenate name after marriage must be declared at the time of the Marriage License application.
10. **FEE:** A fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) is required upon filing of this application and is non-refundable. (CC Vol. I Section 69(i) Amended 16-73, Section 11).
11. **WAITING PERIOD:** No license shall be issued/released until after the expiration of five (5) working days after submission of this application. Such waiting period may be waived through a Waiver Affidavit for a good cause shown. An additional fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be assessed for the waiver, if approved.
12. **MINORS:** Applicants under the age of eighteen (18) must obtain a Court Order to marry and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian giving consent upon filing this application.
13. **PROCESSING** of marriage applications is Monday to Friday: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm excluding holidays.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU SIGN THIS APPLICATION.** (Revised 07/20)

1. A Marriage License allows a couple to marry on Guam. Marriage Licenses issued on Guam are to be used only on Guam.
2. A fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) is required upon filing of this application. To have the license expedited and issued on the same day, an additional fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be assessed for the waiver, if approved. **No refunds.**
3. Please type or print in black or blue ink only. All the information must be legible and complete.
4. Initial the optional fields acknowledging your choice to a checked mark box.
5. Initial the "I have read.....names on Marriage Licenses" acknowledging your understanding of how to select a new name or retain your former name on the Marriage License.
6. A listing of issued Marriage Licenses are forwarded to the Pacific Daily News for publishing.

APPLICANT ONE DATA					
(CHECK ONE)		<input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE #1: Initial _____		<input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE #2: Initial _____	
1A. FIRST NAME			1B. MIDDLE NAME		
1C. CURRENT LAST NAME			1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)		SUFFIX
2. AGE	3. GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		<input type="checkbox"/> UNDETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/> CHOOSE NOT TO ANSWER	4. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY)	5. BIRTHPLACE (IF OUTSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY ONLY)
6. SSN		7. CITIZENSHIP		8. NATURALIZATION NO	9A. PASSPORT TYPE/PASSPORT NO
9B. OTHER (SPECIFY)		<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENT ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/> NON-IMMIGRANT		10. OCCUPATION	11. LOCAL ADDRESS ON GUAM
12A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF PARENT #1			12B. BIRTHPLACE (IF OUTSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY ONLY)		
13A. FULL CURRENT NAME OF PARENT #2			13B. BIRTHPLACE (IF OUTSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY ONLY)		
13C. FULL BIRTH NAME OF PARENT #2 (IF DIFFERENT THAN 13A)					
I have read the information pursuant to Public Law 34-65, relative to Names on Marriage Licenses. Initial _____					
NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY), SHALL BE LEGALLY USED UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THIS MARRIAGE. IF NO INDICATION IS DECLARED, NAME WILL BE RETAINED AS IS. FIRST NAME AS ENTERED IN BOX 1A.			14A. MIDDLE		14B. LAST
STATISTICAL/LEGAL INFORMATION					
15. MARITAL STATUS (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULLED		16. NO. OF THIS MARRIAGE		18A. IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, ENTER STATE OF LAST MARRIAGE (IF OUTSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY ONLY)	
		17. NO. OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES		18B. LAST MARRIAGE ENDED ON (MM/DD/YYYY)	
				18C. LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> DISSOLUTION <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT	
19A. RACE		19B. OF HISPANIC ORIGIN?		EDUCATION	
(CHAMORRO, CAUCASIAN, FILIPINO, ETC)		(SPANISH, MEXICAN, PUERTO RICAN, OTHER SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO, ETC.) SPECIFY		20A. ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY (1-12)	
				20B. COLLEGE (1-4 OR 5+)	

**APPLICANT TWO DATA**

(CHECK ONE)		<input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE #1: Initial _____		<input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE #2: Initial _____	
21A. FIRST NAME			21B. MIDDLE NAME		
21C. CURRENT LAST NAME			21D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)		SUFFIX
22. AGE	23. GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		24. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY)		25. BIRTHPLACE (IF OUTSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY ONLY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> UNDETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/> CHOOSE NOT TO ANSWER		26. SSN	
27 CITIZENSHIP		28. NATURALIZATION NO		29A. PASSPORT TYPE/PASSPORT NO	
				29B. OTHER (SPECIFY)	
<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENT ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/> NON-IMMIGRANT		30. OCCUPATION		31. LOCAL ADDRESS ON GUAM	
32A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF PARENT #1			32B. BIRTHPLACE (IF OUTSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY ONLY)		
33A. FULL CURRENT NAME OF PARENT #2			33B. BIRTHPLACE (IF OUTSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY ONLY)		
33C. FULL BIRTH NAME OF PARENT #2 (IF DIFFERENT THAN 33A)					

I have read the information pursuant to Public Law 34-65, relative to Names on Marriage Licenses. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY), SHALL BE LEGALLY USED UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THIS MARRIAGE. IF NO INDICATION IS DECLARED, NAME WILL BE RETAINED AS IS. FIRST NAME AS ENTERED IN BOX 1A.	34A. MIDDLE	34B. LAST
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**STATISTICAL/LEGAL INFORMATION**

35. MARITAL STATUS (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULLED	36. NO. OF THIS MARRIAGE	38A. IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, ENTER STATE OF LAST MARRIAGE (IF OUTSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY ONLY)	38C. LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> DISSOLUTION <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT
	37. NO. OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES	38B. LAST MARRIAGE ENDED ON (MM/DD/YYYY)	
39A. RACE  (CHAMORRO, CAUCASIAN, FILIPINO, ETC)	39B. OF HISPANIC ORIGIN?  (SPANISH, MEXICAN, PUERTO RICAN, OTHER SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO, ETC.) SPECIFY	EDUCATION	
		40A. ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY (1-12)	40B. COLLEGE (1-4 OR 5+)

**AFFIDAVIT**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF GUAM THAT WE ARE UNMARRIED. WE ARE NOT RELATED TO EACH OTHER IN ANY MANNER SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3104 OF CHAPTER 3 TITLE 19 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, WHICH FORBIDS INCESTUOUS MARRIAGES. WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND THAT NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THE MARRIAGE, NOR TO THE ISSUANCES OF A LICENSE IS KNOWN TO US.

41. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D	SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN 21A-21D
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**CLERK: FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

CIRCLE YES OR NO			CLERK'S INITIALS	ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION PRESENTED	APPLICANT #1	APPLICANT #2
ML PAID	YES	NO		*WAIVER AFFICAVIT	_____	_____
MW PAID	YES	NO		*AFFIDAVIT OF FOREIGN BIRTH	_____	_____
RECEIPT NO.				*DEATH RECORD OF SPOUSE	_____	_____
LICENSE NO.				*DIVORCE/DISSOLUTION DECREE	_____	_____
WAIVER NO.				*ADOPTION DECREE	_____	_____
				*CONSENT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 69(b) OF THE CIVIL CODE OF GUAM	_____	_____